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STRANGE ADVENTURES

YES, CAPTAIN COMET,
THIS IS WORLD WAR III —
YOUR PUNY HUMAN RACE AGAINST
OUR SUPERIOR BEE CIVILIZATION!
AND WE ALREADY HAVE WON
THE FIRST BATTLE WITH OUR
REDUCTO RAY!



NOW MORE THAN EVER-

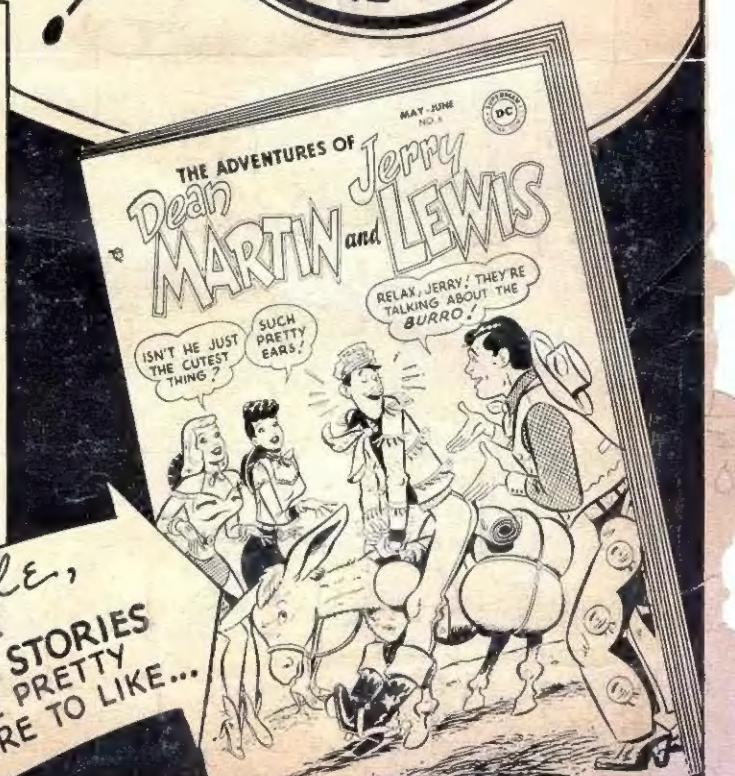
**THIS
FAMOUS SYMBOL**

ON THE COVER OF
ANY COMICS
MAGAZINE IS **YOUR**
GUARANTEE OF THE
BEST IN COMICS
READING



YES, WITH SO
MANY DIFFERENT
TITLES ON THE
NEWSSTANDS,
SOMETIMES IT'S
HARD TO CHOOSE
A MAGAZINE
YOU'RE **SURE** TO
LIKE, BUT PEOPLE
WHO KNOW COMICS
BEST **KNOW** THAT
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HUMOROUS STORIES
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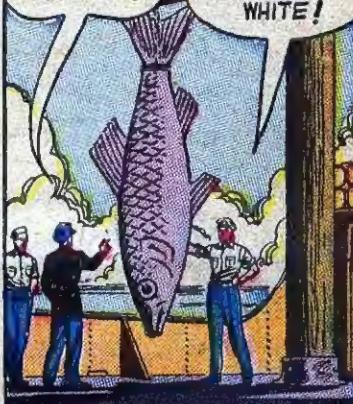
CAPTAIN COMET



ON LEAVE FROM HIS LIBRARY POST TO ACT AS RECORDER OF A SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, ADAM BLAKE -- ALIAS CAPTAIN COMET -- COMES ACROSS A TANTALIZING PUZZLE...

ADAM, I'D WAGER MY SCIENTIFIC REPUTATION THAT THIS GIANT FISH IS A -- A MINNOW!

BUT MINNOWS ARE HARDLY EVER MORE THAN A FEW INCHES LONG, PROFESSOR WHITE!



I KNOW, BUT LISTEN--OUR ATOMIC TESTS TOOK PLACE NEAR HERE! THE RADIATION COULD HAVE CAUSED THIS GIGANTIC MUTATION!

THAT IS A POSSIBILITY, PROFESSOR...



HERE WERE MANY STRANGE THINGS ABOUT THE UNKNOWN PACIFIC ISLE THAT PUZZLED CAPTAIN COMET! FOR ONE THING, WHY DID THE NATIVES REGARD IT AS TABOO? FOR ANOTHER, HOW DID THE ISLAND'S ANIMALS AND INSECTS ATTAIN THEIR UNBELIEVABLE SIZE--AND FEROCITY? BUT MORE HORRIBLE THAN THESE GRIM ENIGMAS WAS THE DOOM THAT WAS BEING PREPARED FOR THE CIVILIZED WORLD IN THE FORM OF...

The HUMAN BEEHIVE!

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CATER... AS ADAM PONDERS THE PROBLEM, HIS GAZE RESTS ON A NEARBY, UNINHABITED ISLE...

STRANGE... THE NATIVES BELIEVE THAT THE GIANT MINNOW HAS SOME CONNECTION WITH THAT ISLAND! THEY SAY IT IS TABOO -- CERTAIN DEATH TO SET FOOT ON IT! OF COURSE, THEY HAVE PRIMITIVE MINDS... YET I WONDER...

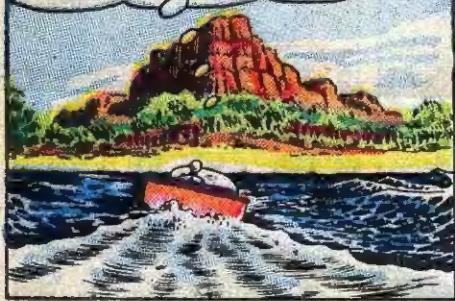


ON AN IMPULSE, ADAM REACHES A DECISION...

I'M GOING TO HAVE A LOOK AT THAT ISLAND! PROFESSOR WHITE IS HAVING A SIESTA--IT WILL BE SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE HE AWAKENS--AND I OUGHT TO BE BACK BY THEN...

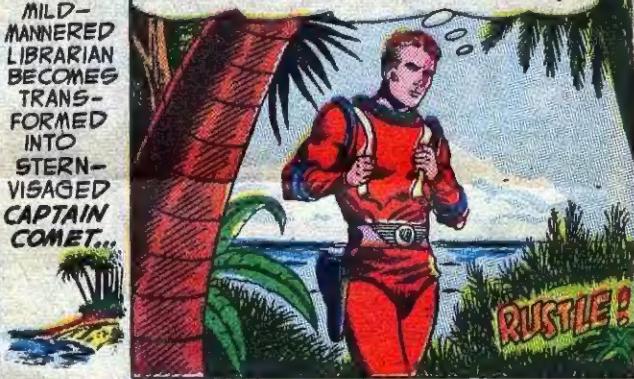


THE PROFESSOR HAS WARNED US NOT TO GET TOO CLOSE TO THE ISLAND BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE DANGER OF INFECTION FROM THE ATOMIC RADIATION... BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW THAT AS CAPTAIN COMET, MY FUTURISTIC BODY IS IMMUNE TO SUCH RADIATION!



ON THE SHORE... AS THE MILD-MANNERED LIBRARIAN BECOMES TRANSFORMED INTO STERN-VISAGED CAPTAIN COMET...

THE NATIVES SAY THAT DOZENS OF LOCAL FISHERMEN VANISHED AFTER LANDING HERE-- AND THAT'S WHY THEY MADE IT TABOO! BUT IT LOOKS HARMLESS ENOUGH--HUH?



WITH A SWIFT MOTION, THE MAN OF DESTINY CAPTURES A TINY CREATURE RUNNING PAST HIM...

GREAT STARS! A--A TIGER! A FULL-GROWN TIGER--ABOUT SIX INCHES LONG! NO WONDER THE NATIVES SAY THIS PLACE IS BEWITCHED!

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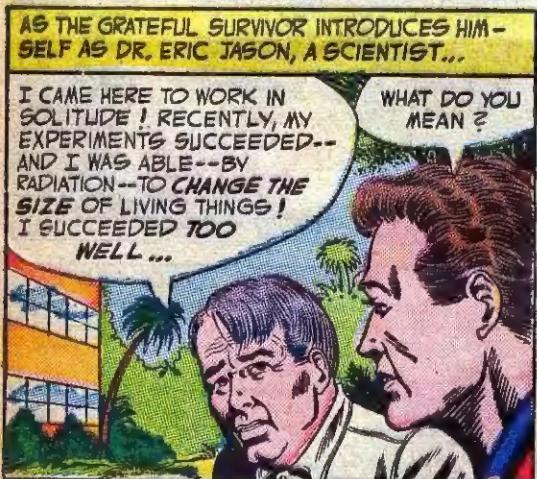


LETTING THE TINY, TERRIFIED BEAST LOOSE, CAPTAIN COMET PLUNGES FURTHER INTO THE ISLAND'S INTERIOR...

SOMETHING--A STRUGGLE OF SOME KIND TAKING PLACE RIGHT AHEAD OF ME! I CAN'T SEE THROUGH THIS FOLIAGE--

CRASH!







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MOMENTS LATER... AS THE FUTURISTIC-BODIED MAN OF DESTINY CRASHES THROUGH THE UNDERBRUSH INTO A CLEARING... TO VIEW A FANTASTIC SIGHT...

A--A HUMAN BEEHIVE! THOSE ARE THE NATIVES--THE FISHERMAN WHO DIS-APPEARED--AND THEY'VE BEEN REDUCED IN SIZE! THEY'RE MOVING LIKE TINY ROBOTS...



SUDDENLY... A SOUND LIKE A BUZZ-SAW BEHIND HIM CAUSES CAPTAIN COMET TO WHIRL... TOO LATE!

A GIGANTIC BEE--WITH A STINGER THE SIZE OF A RAPIER--STINGING ME!
UHHH... POISON TAKING EFFECT... ALREADY...

ZZZZZ!



WHEN THE MIST CLEARS FROM THE EYES OF THE STRICKEN CHAMPION OF EARTH...

WE SHALL NOW TRANSFORM YOU INTO ONE OF OUR HIVE-CREATURES, CAPTAIN COMET--BY MEANS OF THIS REDUCTO-RAY!

THEY'RE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE BY THOUGHT TRANSFERENCE!



YOU SHALL BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR TINY HUMAN SLAVE COLONY!

I DOUBT IT! THERE'S ONE THING YOU SUPER-BEES HAVE NEGLECTED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT!



WITH EASE, THE POWERFUL MAN OF DESTINY BURSTS HIS BONDS...

HE'S LOOSE! AN ORDINARY HUMAN WOULD BE PARALYZED FOR A WEEK BY ONE OF YOUR STINGS--BUT MY FUTURISTIC BODY THREW OFF THE EFFECTS IN SECONDS!



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STUNNED BY THE SIGHT OF THEIR "PARALYZED" VICTIM ADVANCING AT THEM, THE HUGE BEES FLY OFF IN DISORDER...

LOOK AT THEM GO!
THEY NEVER THOUGHT THEY'D MEET A HUMAN WITH MY POWERS!
BUT I CAN ATTEND TO THEM LATER...

I'VE GOT TO GET THESE POOR NATIVES BACK TO THEIR ORIGINAL SIZE--AND PULL THEM OUT OF THE TRANCE THEY SEEM TO BE IN! BUT FIRST THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I MUST DO... RIGHT NOW!



MOMENTS LATER... BACK IN DR. JASON'S LABORATORY ACROSS THE KNOLL...

BEES--OBEY MY COMMANDS! FLY BACK! ATTACK HIM!

NO USE, JASON! YOUR GAME'S UP! I KNEW THAT YOU WERE CONTROLLING THOSE GIANT BEES!

OF COURSE! THEY CALLED ME BY NAME--BUT, SINCE THEY'VE NEVER LEFT THIS ISLAND, THEY COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN WHO I WAS! ONLY YOU COULD HAVE KNOWN THAT! YOU GAVE YOURSELF AWAY!



WITH THE STRENGTH OF DESPERATION, THE EXPOSED EVIL DOER RACES TO THE SITE OF THE REDUCTO RAY...

NO SIGN OF THE BEES HERE NOW! THIS IS MY CHANCE TO DEAL WITH CAPTAIN COMET!

I'LL FINISH YOU MYSELF! B-BUT... WHY AREN'T YOU GETTING SMALLER? YOU MUST GET SMALLER!

MY FUTURISTIC BODY IS IMMUNE TO ALL RADIATION, JASON! YOU'VE PLAYED YOUR LAST CARD... AND LOST!

THE NEXT INSTANT... AS THE FRENZIED MAN TAKES AN UNWARY STEP BACKWARDS...

AHAAA! THAT'S THE END OF DR. JASON! AND HE'S CARRYING HIS DIABOLIC REDUCTO-RAY DOWN TO DESTRUCTION WITH HIM!



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WATER... EXAMINING THE NOTES LEFT BY THE POWER-CRAZED SCIENTIST, CAPTAIN COMET MAKES A DISCOVERY...

TO USE HIS SIZE-CONTROL RAY--TO SEIZE COMMAND OF THE EARTH WITH AN ARMY OF GIANT BEES! BUT HE WASN'T READY FOR THAT STEP YET... BECAUSE THE EFFECTS OF THE RAY WERE ONLY TEMPORARY!



BACK AT THE "HUMAN BEEHIVE"... SOON AFTER...

THEY'RE GROWING BACK TO THEIR NATURAL SIZE! AND SNAPPING OUT OF THEIR TRANCE TOO--EVEN WHILE I WATCH THEM! THIS MEANS THAT EVERYTHING IN AND AROUND THIS ISLAND WILL SOON BE BACK TO NORMAL!



AT THE END OF ANOTHER FEW MINUTES...

YOU MEN CAN ALL GO BACK TO YOUR HOMES NOW... AND YOU WON'T HAVE TO MAKE THIS ISLAND TABOO ANY MORE!

THANK YOU, TUAN!
THANK YOU!



IN
MIDWEST
CITY
PUBLIC
LIBRARY,
ABOUT
A MONTH
LATER...

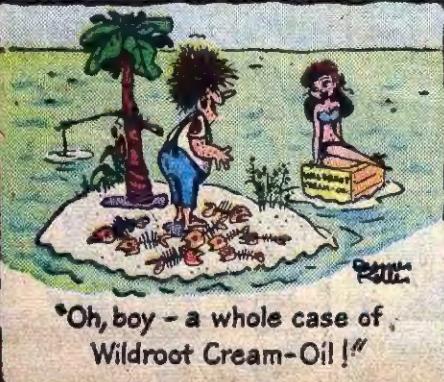
ADAM BLAKE,
HAYEN'T YOU ~~ANY~~
TALES TO TELL
ME OF THAT
SOUTH SEAS
EXPEDITION?

ER--NO, MISS
TORRENCE! I
GUESS I'M THE
TYPE THAT--ER--
NOTHING EVER
HAPPENS TO...



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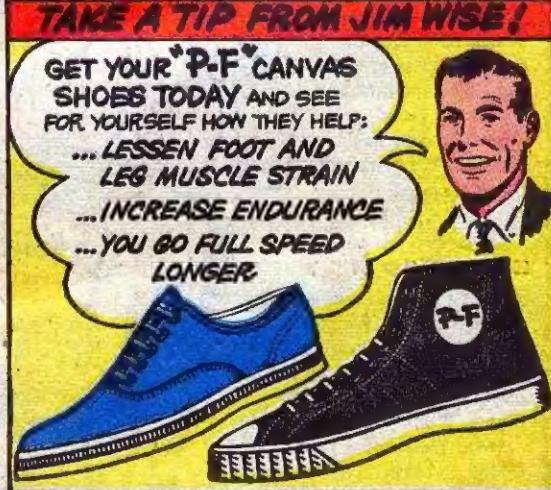
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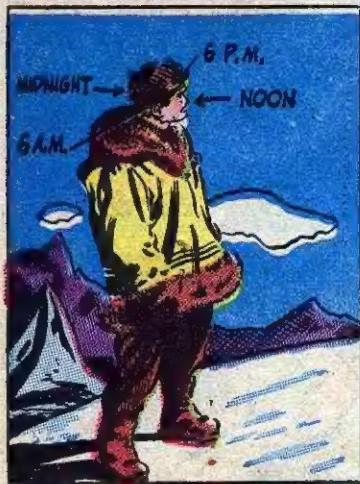
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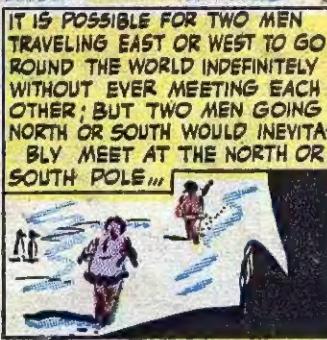
A MAN STANDING AT THE NORTH POLE WOULD BE HARD-PRESSED TO KNOW THE EXACT TIME! IF IT WERE NOON AT HIS NOSE, IT WOULD BE 6 P.M. AT HIS LEFT EAR, MIDNIGHT AT THE BACK OF HIS HEAD AND 6 A.M. AT HIS RIGHT EAR...



NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE OR LIVE, YOUR WATCH WILL BE SLOW IF YOU TRAVEL EAST AND FAST IF YOU TRAVEL WEST...



OCEAN TIDES AND OTHER AGENCIES ACT AS A BRAKE ON THE SPINNING EARTH AND LENGTHEN THE DAY BY ABOUT A MINUTE EVERY 5 MILLION YEARS. IN 50,000 MILLION YEARS, THE DAY AND MONTH WILL BE EQUAL ...



LET'S SEE, YESTERDAY WAS MAY, SO TODAY IS JUNE!



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THE MAGIC SUGAR CUBE

Have somebody mark his initials on a cube of sugar with a soft black lead pencil. Then drop the cube in a glass of water. Take his hand and hold it over the glass. When the cube has dissolved the mark will be on his hand!

HOW TO DO THE TRICK:

While he is marking the sugar, wet your thumb. When you drop the cube in the glass, press your wet thumb on the mark. It'll come off on your thumb. While you hold his hand over the glass, press your thumb on his hand and the mark will some off on it.

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the PHANTOM TELEVIEW

I WAS ONCE A HAPPY MAN.
I HAD MY BUSINESS ...
AND ALSO A HOBBY... PRECIOUS
STONES. IN MY LINE OF WORK A
MAN RUNS ACROSS JEWELS
OF ALL KINDS.

THEY SAY HOBBIES ARE GOOD,
BUT THIS HOBBY WAS TO RUIN
ME. FOR ONE DAY I CAME INTO
POSSESSION OF A STONE OF
SUCH BEAUTY AND UNEARTHLY
MAGIC THAT I COULD NOT
STOP FROM MURDER TO

KEEP IT!

HERE IS MY STORY--AND IT IS
TRUE -- EVERY WORD OF IT!

I'M A PAWBROKER. I BUY DREAMS ... BROKEN
DREAMS...

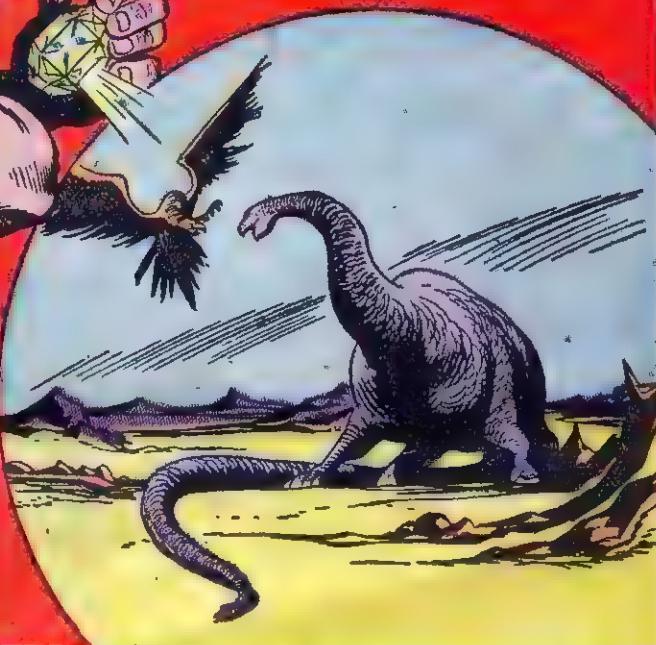
SORRY, MISTER, BUT
ALL I CAN LOAN YOU
ON THIS VIOLIN IS
TWENTY DOLLARS!

VERY WELL, I SHALL TAKE
IT--I HAVE TO. BUT I BEG
YOU, KEEP MY VIOLIN FOR
ME--I SHALL BE BACK!
YOU KNOW, ONCE I DREAMED
OF BECOMING A CONCERT
VIOLINIST...

BUT, LIKE ALL THE OTHERS, HE NEVER CAME
BACK. THEN, ONE DAY...

LAD, I'LL SELL IT TO
YOU FOR WHAT IT
COST ME. FIFTY
BUCKS!

IT'S A DEAL! ONE
DAY I SHALL BE A
CONCERT
VIOLINIST!





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ONE SPRING MORNING A MAN ENTERED MY SHOP.
HE LOOKED JUST LIKE ANYONE ELSE. LOOKED.

I NEED MONEY. HOW
MUCH CAN I BORROW
ON THIS GEM?

I'LL HAVE TO
EXAMINE IT FIRST.
WAIT A MINUTE,
PLEASE!

I TRIED NOT TO BETRAY MY EXCITEMENT...

THERE'S SOMETHING...
MOVING... IN THIS
JEWEL!



"...BUT THE INSTANT I LOOKED INTO THAT MAGIC
GEM, I KNEW I MUST POSSESS IT!"

HOW MUCH DO YOU
WANT TO... BORROW
ON THIS?

GIVE ME AS MUCH AS
YOU CAN. I NEED
MONEY--LOTS OF IT!

I'LL LEND YOU A
THOUSAND DOLLARS!



I DELIBERATELY GAVE HIM SUCH A LARGE SUM
IN THE HOPE HE'D NEVER REPAY THE LOAN AND
REDEEM THE STONE!



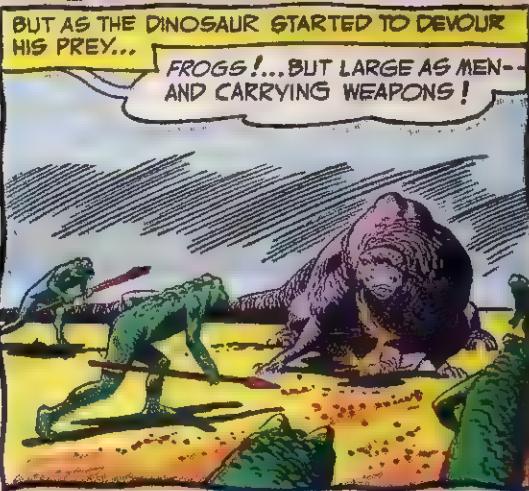
AS SOON AS HE WAS GONE I LOCKED UP THE
SHOP AND FEASTED MY EYES ON THE STONE...

NOW IT'S
MINE--
MINE!



THIS JEWEL IS THE
WINDOW TO
ANOTHER
WORLD!

BELIEVED A FANTASTIC LANDSCAPE TEEMING
WITH PREHISTORIC MONSTERS THAT ONCE
INHABITED THE EARTH A HUNDRED MILLION
YEARS AGO--BACK AT THE DAWN OF TIME!



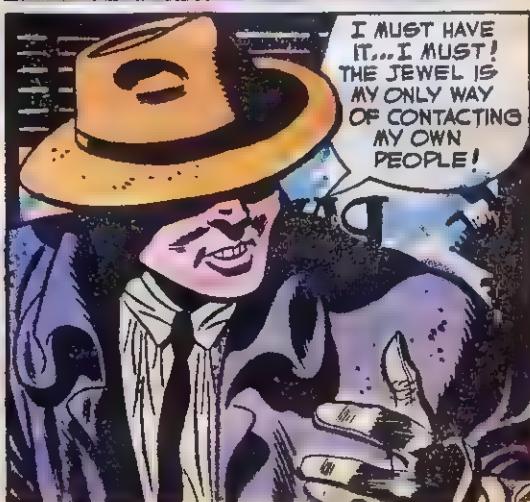
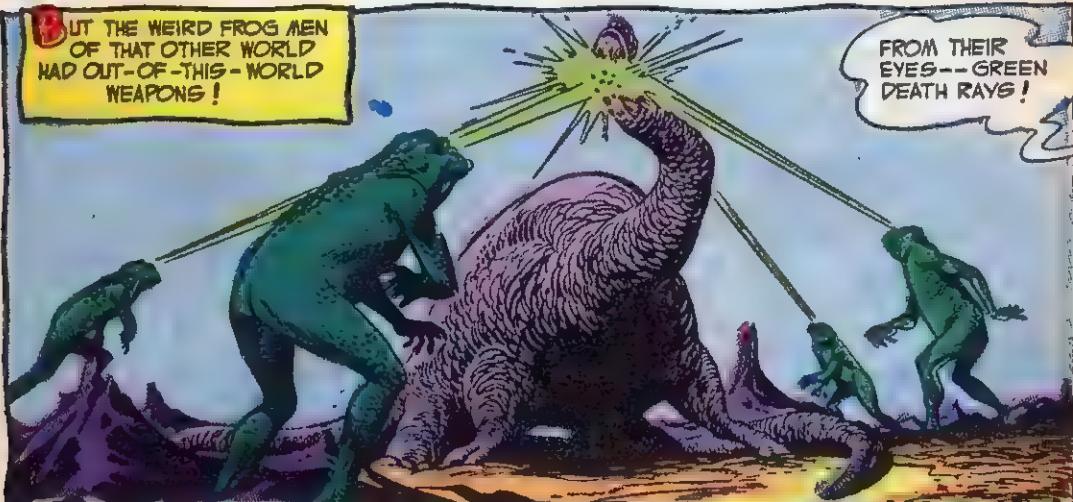


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BUT THE WEIRD FROG MEN
OF THAT OTHER WORLD
HAD OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD
WEAPONS!

FROM THEIR
EYES--GREEN
DEATH RAYS!





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HERE WAS NO ONE ELSE IN THE SHOP. THE POLICEMAN HAD PASSED ON HIS BEAT FIFTEEN MINUTES EARLIER...

NOW DON'T GET EXCITED--
I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU...



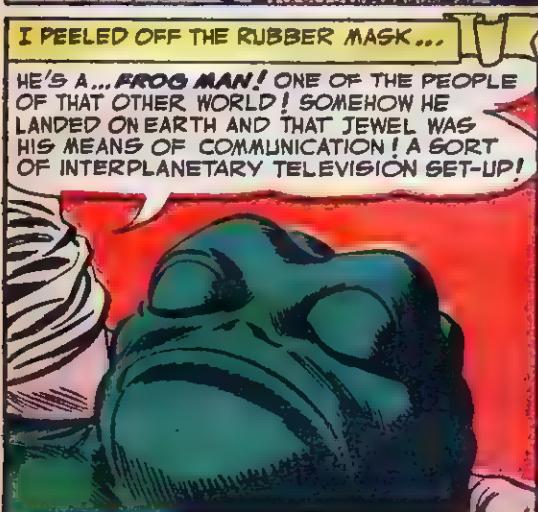
MY HEART POUNDING WILDLY, I LOCKED UP
THE SHOP--CLOSED THE BLINDS...

NO ONE SAW ME!
NOW TO GET RID
OF THE BODY AND
I'LL BE COMPLETELY
IN THE CLEAR!



I PEELLED OFF THE RUBBER MASK...

HE'S A... FROG MAN! ONE OF THE PEOPLE
OF THAT OTHER WORLD! SOMEHOW HE
LANDED ON EARTH AND THAT JEWEL WAS
HIS MEANS OF COMMUNICATION! A SORT
OF INTERPLANETARY TELEVISION SET-UP!



I TOOK OUT MY
GUN... FIRED!

KRAK!



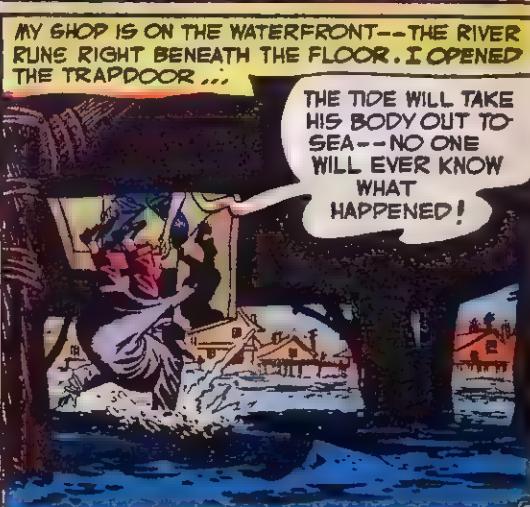
BUT WHEN I WENT TO THE BODY...

HIS FACE-- IT WAS COVERED
ALL THE TIME BY AN AMAZING
LIFE-LIKE RUBBER MASK!



MY SHOP IS ON THE WATERFRONT--THE RIVER
RUNS RIGHT BENEATH THE FLOOR. I OPENED
THE TRAPDOOR...

THE TIDE WILL TAKE
HIS BODY OUT TO
SEA--NO ONE
WILL EVER KNOW
WHAT
HAPPENED!





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BUT LATER THAT DAY, WHEN I LOOKED AGAIN INTO THE STONE ...

NO... NO !! IT CAN'T BE... IT'S IMPOSSIBLE !



I SAW THE SAME SCENE OF VIOLENCE EVERY TIME I GAZED AT THE STONE ! THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY TO RID MYSELF OF THE HAUNTING VIEW...

THERE -- SINK YOU DEMON JEWEL ! NOW I'LL BE PERFECTLY SAFE AGAIN !



I WENT TO THE POLICE, CONFESSED EVERYTHING. BUT BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT FIND THE BODY OR THE JEWEL, THEY REFUSED TO BELIEVE ME. OH... THEY PRETEND TO, BUT I KNOW THEY DON'T... OTHERWISE I WOULD NOT BE HERE !

DRINK THIS SEDATIVE. IT'LL SOOTHE YOUR NERVES !



YOU WON'T BELIEVE ME, BUT IN THE TRANSLUCENT DEPTHS OF THE MAGIC GEM I SAW REENACTED THE MURDER I HAD COMMITTED !



I FELT SECURE -- UNTIL ANOTHER CUSTOMER BROUGHT ME A GEM AND...

IT'S THERE -- AGAIN ! I CAN'T STAND THIS TORTURE ANY LONGER !



BUT WHEN I LOOKED INTO THE GLASS ...

NO ! NO ! TAKE IT AWAY !



EVERYWHERE I LOOK I SEE... IT ! I'VE BEEN JUDGED GUILTY BY THE PEOPLE OF ANOTHER WORLD... AND THIS IS HOW THEY ARE PUNISHING ME !

THE END

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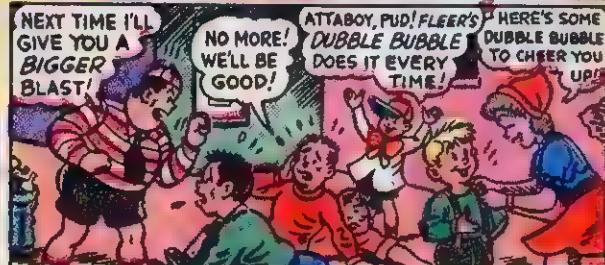
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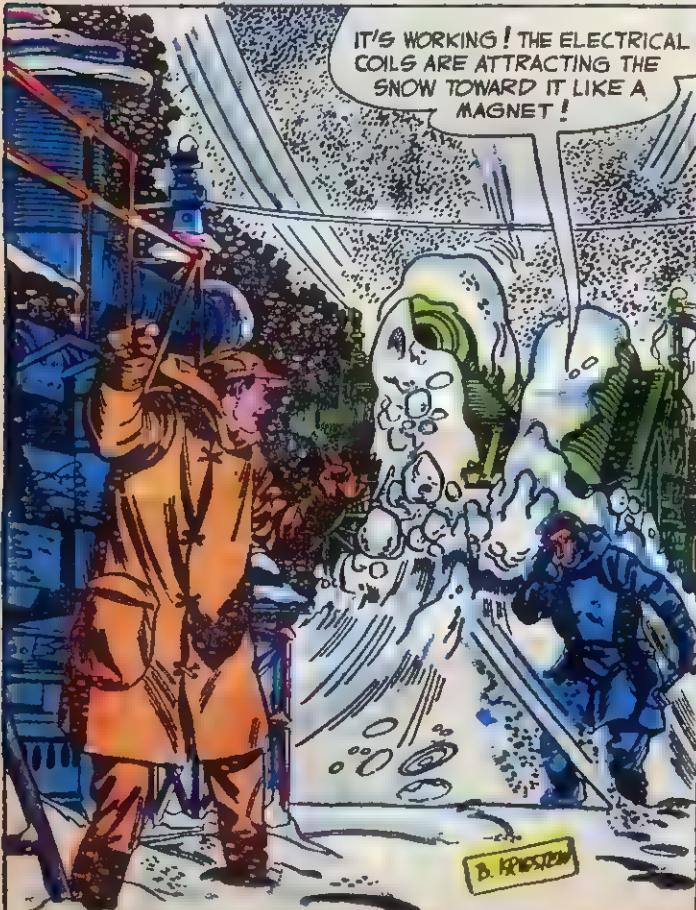
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ONE JULY AFTERNOON AS VACATION-HUNGRY AMERICANS SOUGHT TO SEEK RELIEF FROM THE HEAT, THEY GAPED IN ASTONISHMENT AS A HEAVY SNOWSTORM SUDDENLY BEGAN TO FALL ON EARTH! FOR A DAY, THE SNOWFALL WAS LAUGHED OFF AS A FREAK OF NATURE, BUT WHEN DAYS AND WEEKS PASSED AND THE SNOW STILL KEPT POUNDING DOWN ON THE EARTH, IT WAS EVIDENT THAT CIVILIZATION WAS THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION UNLESS THE SNOW STOPPED! BUT HOW COULD ANYONE HOPE TO STOP A SNOWSTORM?



IN THE OFFICE OF DR. MARK THORNE, EXPERT WEATHER FORECASTER...

ACCORDING TO MY WEATHER CHARTS, THE SUMMER WILL BE LONG, SUNNY, AND HOT!



AND SO THAT EVENING, THE FORECAST IS FLASHED ACROSS THE COUNTRY...

NOW THAT DR. MARK THORNE, WORLD'S LEADING METEOROLOGIST, HAS PREDICTED A LONG, HOT SUMMER, BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND SCIENCE HAVE FORMULATED PLANS TO CONFORM TO THE FORECAST! THORNE HAS ALWAYS BEEN AMAZINGLY ACCURATE, AND...

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IN NEW YORK, A MANUFACTURER CALLS IN HIS PRODUCTION MANAGER ...

IF THORNE SAYS WE'RE IN FOR A HOT SUMMER, THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME ! WE'LL DOUBLE OUR PRODUCTION OF SWIM SUITS AND SUMMER DRESSES !

YES,
SIR !



WHILE AT A WATER RESERVOIR...



THE RESERVOIR'S 95% FULL NOW ! BUT IF THERE'S TO BE ENOUGH WATER TO LAST THROUGH THE DRY SUMMER, WE'LL HAVE TO RESTRICT ITS USE TO THE PUBLIC !

AND ON THE FARMS OF THE MIDWEST...



AFTER HEARING THORNE'S FORECAST, I CHANGED OVER TO A HOT-WEATHER CROP !

SO THE COUNTRY PREPARES FOR A PROLONGED HEAT WAVE ! THEN, ON JULY 1ST, IN THE EDITORIAL OFFICE OF THE DAILY GLOBE ...

A SUMMER SNOWSTORM ! JANET -- GET DR. THORNE. ON THE PHC NE ! I WANT AN EXPLANATION FOR THIS !



YES, THIS IS DR. THORNE... NO, I DON'T KNOW WHY IT'S SNOWING ! I HAVE NO STATEMENT TO MAKE AT THIS TIME !



SOON, A TIDAL WAVE OF TELEGRAMS, LETTERS, AND PHONE CALLS OVERWHELMES THORNE ...

MORE TELEGRAMS CANCELLING YOUR PREDICTION SERVICE, MARK ! THIS LOOKS BAD !

BAD ? IT'S FANTASTIC ! SNOW IN JULY ! SNOW COVERING THE WHOLE WORLD ! HOW DID IT HAPPEN ?





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HOW DID IT HAPPEN? IN ORDER TO EXPLAIN, WE MUST TRAVEL 40 MILLION MILES ACROSS SPACE TO--THE PLANET MARS!

BECAUSE THE WATER IN THE SOIL IS HARMFUL TO OUR METALLIC BODIES, WE'VE BUILT CANALS TO DRAIN THE LAND OF ALL MOISTURE!

THE CANALS CARRY THE WATER TO THE NORTH POLE WHERE IT IS EXPelled INTO INTER-PLANETARY SPACE!



OUR ASTRONOMERS TELL US THE WATER IS FALLING ON EARTH--AS SNOW!

WE CAN'T HELP THAT! BEGIDES, IT MAY NOT HARM THE PRIMITIVE FORM OF LIFE THAT EXISTS ON THE PLANET!

BACK ON LONG ISLAND, THORNE CALLS ON A FELLOW-SCIENTIST, WORKING INDEPENDENTLY ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SPACE SATELLITE ROCKET...

DR. HOWARD, I HAVE A THEORY THAT THE SNOW IS COMING FROM OUTER SPACE! I WANT TO GO UP IN YOUR SPACE SATELLITE ROCKET TO INVESTIGATE!

SORRY, THORNE--BUT I'M NOT SENDING MY ROCKET UP IN A FUTILE FLIGHT TO SAVE YOUR TARNISHED REPUTATION!



LATER, BACK AT THORNE'S LABORATORY...

WELL, MARK--ANY LUCK?

NONE! HOWARD TURNED ME DOWN! I GUESS NO ONE BELIEVES IN ME ANY MORE!



I STILL DO! YOU WERE RIGHT WHEN YOU GUESSED THAT THE SNOW IS MAGNETIC! LOOK HOW THESE NAILS CLING TO IT!

INTERESTING--BUT OF NO VALUE IN HELPING US BATTLE THIS TERRIBLE SNOW!



CONDITIONS ARE GETTING WORSE BY THE HOUR! UNLESS WE FIND A WAY TO GET RID OF THE SNOW SOON, ALL LIFE ON EARTH WILL PERISH!

SUDDENLY THORNE
NOTICES AN ODD
SIGHT... 

JEFF--THIS
SNOW ON
YOUR TV
SET--HOW
DID IT GET
THERE?

I WAS TRYING
TO FIX MY
SET BY RE-
WINDING THE
COILS, WHEN
ALL OF A
SUDDEN THE
SNOW FLEW
CLEAR ACROSS
THE ROOM AND
STUCK TO IT!
THE SNOW IS
MAGNETIC SO
I DIDN'T THINK
MUCH OF IT!

I MUST HAVE WOUND THE COILS IN SUCH A WAY THAT--

--THAT THE MAGNETISM SET UP IN THE COILS ATTRACTED THE SNOW! JEFF-- YOU ACCIDENTALLY HIT UPON A WAY TO RID THE EARTH OF THIS SNOW! LET'S GET TO WORK!

TWENTY-FOUR SLEEPLESS HOURS LATER...

OKAY, MARK! THE
CURRENT IS SHOOTING
THROUGH THE COILS
WE'VE PREPARED!

**IT WORKS! IT
ATTRACTS THE
SNOW LIKE
MAGIC!**

IT'S COLLECTING EVEN
MORE SNOW! JEFF --
PHONE THE TRUCKING
COMPANY! I WANT A
LARGE TRUCK--TO
TAKE THESE COILS TO
THE SPACE SATELLITE
ROCKET!

A LITTLE LATER, THE COILS ARE
LOADED ABOARD A TRUCK, AND
DRIVEN TO THE ROCKET TESTING
GROUNDS...

MINUTES LATER, WHEN THE COILS
HAVE BEEN PLACED INSIDE THE
ROCKET...

THERE IT IS!
WE'LL HAVE TO STEAL
PAST THE GUARD TO
LOAD THE COILS
ONTO THE ROCKET!

A GUARD'S
SPOTTED
US!

**NO TIME TO
EXPLAIN TO
HOWARD NOW!
LET'S GO!**

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CIRCLING THE PLANET EVERY TWO HOURS
FROM NORTH TO SOUTH, THE ROCKET'S
COILS LIFT MILLIONS OF TONS OF SNOW--
AND DROP THEM ON THE POLES!

JUST ONE MORE DAY--
AND ALL THE SNOW WILL
BE PILED UP AT THE
NORTH AND SOUTH
POLES!

THEIR WORK COMPLETED, THE TWO
MEN LAND TO FACE A TUMULTUOUS
WELCOME...

MARK--HAVE YOU
NOTICED? IT'S
FINALLY STOPPED
SNOWING!
I MUST GET TO
THE HOSPITAL TO
SEE JEFF--GREAT
SCOTT! JEFF'S
HERE WAITING
TO GREET ME!

YOU'RE WELL,
JEFF! HOW
DID IT
HAPPEN?

IT'S THESE
PLANTS--THEIR
SEEDS WERE IN
THE SNOW, AND
NOW THEY'RE
GROWING
EVERYWHERE!

THERE'S A COLORLESS, ODOR-
LESS GAS IN THESE PODS,
WHICH CURED MY PNEUMONIA
SOON AFTER I GOT OFF THAT
RESCUE ROCKET! AND IT
CURES CANCER--HEART
TROUBLES--EVERYTHING!

HURRAH
FOR
DR. THORNE!

SINCE THE PODS
HAVE BLOOMED, IN
THE LAST FEW DAYS
THERE'S BEEN NO
DISEASE ON
EARTH!

AND WE HAVE BILLIONS OF TONS
OF THE SEDED SNOW AT THE
POLES, WAITING TO BE USED!
IT'S WONDERFUL--BUT WHERE
DID IT COME FROM?

WHERE DID IT COME FROM? FROM MARS,
OF COURSE! AND ON THE RED PLANET...

YOU SEE, THE EARTH
HAS NOW PASSED
THROUGH THE SNOW,
IT WILL NOT STRIKE
IT AGAIN FOR 10,000
YEARS!

TOO BAD WE COULDN'T
SEND SOMETHING
MORE VALUABLE
TO EARTH...WHAT
GOOD CAN ANYONE
GET OUT OF
MARTIAN WATER?

THE END

SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE



SURVIVAL IN SPACE!

SCIENTISTS are making such satisfactory progress in solving the mechanical problems of space-flight that they have begun to consider more seriously the *human element* in connection with the conquest of space.

After all, the journey to the moon or a planet can only be a minor triumph if the ship gets there and the human pilot is forced to remain earthbound for fear his body could never survive the hazardous flight.

One of the interesting problems that must be considered is how would we eat? We have been told that there would be no gravity inside the ship—which seems to indicate that it'd be impossible to swallow food or drink! Fortunately, the answer to this is quite simple—neither eating nor drinking is dependent upon the presence of gravity!

Strangely enough, you can eat and drink standing up, lying down, or even upside down . . . all because these functions work as a result of atmospheric pressure, not gravity. Nevertheless, there remains other difficulties to overcome in consuming food under conditions of weightlessness inside the space-ship.

The solution to some of these problems is discussed in Martin Caidin's "Rockets Beyond the Earth," recently published by the McBride Company. As the author points out in his in-

teresting book, open containers of liquids would be useless because tilting a cup to drink would result in the fluid congealing into a sphere or breaking up into smaller globules that would drift away. The answer lies in an old invention—the drinking straw, which does not rely on gravity but on air pressure. As an alternative, the space-voyager could carry plastic bottles which, when squeezed, eject liquid.

As for eating utensils, knives and forks will have to be slightly magnetized to prevent them from rising from the table and go floating about the cabin. A typical menu will include sandwiches, fruits, meats and bulk vegetables. Peas would be worthless as they would scatter in all directions the moment the fork moved them about.

The often-made suggestion that someday food pills will replace bulk food is not valid, in the author's opinion. Food in bulk is an absolute necessity. No matter how many pills you ate, unless they were of sufficient number to equal the bulk of a normal meal (and that would probably kill you), you would still be hungry. The body is accustomed to receiving foods in bulk and the body processes are dependent upon this. There's a big space to fill in the human stomach and pills won't do the job—though some pills will be taken to provide added vitamins and minerals.

CLOUDS IN THE SKIES!

Anyone can recognize a cloud in the sky on sight, yet how many can tell what the cloud consists of and how it happened to be where you see it? A detailed answer would fill a massive volume, but we'll try to tell you enough in a couple of paragraphs to satisfy your curiosity.

Air at any given temperature holds a definite amount of water vapor. Lower the temperature and the vapor condenses as water. Such condensation is greatly facilitated by the presence of specks of matter in the air. These minute particles break up the rays of sunlight and cause the sky to appear blue overhead, and sometimes orange or crimson toward the horizon—the latter effects being accentuated by the presence of water vapor at the point of condensation. When condensed droplets become large enough to respond to the pull of gravity, they fall as rain, or hail or snow, depending on the temperature of the lower atmosphere.

Clouds, then, are simply aggregations of partly condensed water vapor, and this vapor comes originally from evaporation of water from the surface of the earth. Since water consists of two parts hydrogen to one of oxygen, its vapor, while truly gaseous, is lighter than the earth's atmosphere and so rises as clouds in the sky.

THE TELESCOPIC CAMERA!

The astronomer does not waste the precious hours of the night, as uninformed people think, gazing at the heavens through a telescope. Actually he is busy making accurate records of interstellar space which he passes on to another group of astronomers for study. The chief instrument employed in this work is a camera.

The telescopic camera has made just as much progress as the film-camera, which gives us such superior pictures in comparison with those of thirty years ago. Such major improve-

ments have been made lately in photographic plates that an exposure of twenty minutes give photographs which formerly took several hours.

A very sensitive photographic plate is placed in the telescope at the focus of the mirror. Light pours down upon this at the speed of 186,000 miles a second, and since the waves of light are, on the average, about $1/60,000$ of an inch in length, it follows that about 600 trillion waves fall upon the plate in one second. Yet, though the object in the cosmic void from which the light comes is a blazing globe like the sun, it may take hours for a faint dot of light to be registered on the plate.

ALL ABOUT NOTHING!

Nothing bothers mathematicians! The statement is ambiguous for it both does and does not mean what it says! Perhaps we should have started by saying that it is the *number* equal to *nothing* that bothers mathematicians.

One of the standard rules of mathematics states that "zero divided by anything equals zero." True enough, but what happens when we try to divide zero by itself? Can we rely on another standard rule to supply the answer—"any number divided by itself equals one"? But no self-respecting mathematician will allow you to eke out even a measly *one* from two *noughtings*. Instead he simply suggests that zero divided by zero is indeterminate—which apparently means that he doesn't know the answer at all.

Consider another stand-by of mathematicians—"Anything divided by zero equals an infinite quantity." This works out true enough until you start dividing zero by zero again. If our mathematics friend won't allow you to get that measly *one* out of zero divided by zero (as pointed out in the above paragraph) the chances are nil that he will permit you to squeeze an infinity out of the same couple of *noughtings*. Once again he suggests that the answer is indeterminate—which still means that he doesn't know the answer at all.

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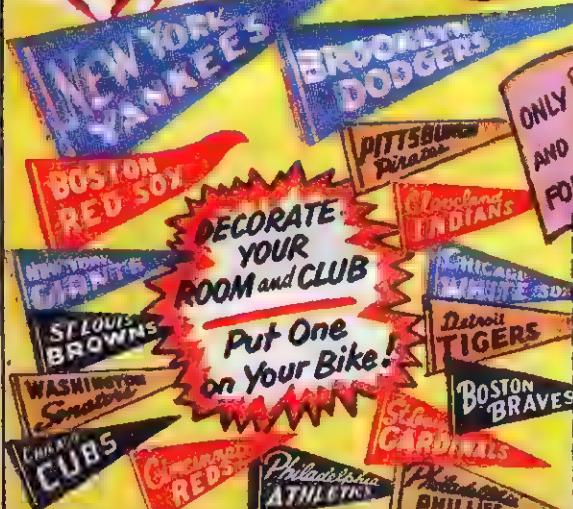
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THE HUNTERS FROM THE STARS

THE HUNTERS HAVE SPOTTED ME! MY ONLY CHANCE TO ESCAPE IS--UNDER WATER!



A WAR HERO COMES HOME TO RECEIVE A TUMULTUOUS WELCOME BY HIS TOWNSMEN...

WELCOME HOME, TOM MASON!

GOSH, I NEVER EXPECTED A RECEPTION LIKE THIS, MR. MAYOR!



YOU PUT PENTONVILLE ON THE MAP, TOM... AND WE WANT YOU TO HAVE THAT MEDAL AS A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION!

IT'S A GREAT HONOR, SIR! I'LL ALWAYS KEEP IT WITH ME!



LATER THAT NIGHT, AFTER THE FESTIVITIES ARE OVER...

FUNNY--THIS MEDAL WON'T COME OFF! IT'S STUCK TO MY SKIN! TOO TIRED TO WORRY ABOUT IT NOW... MUST GET SOME SLEEP...



SOME TIME LATER, WHILE TOM IS IN A DEEP SLEEP...

TOM MASON, I AM ONE OF FOUR HUNTERS--FROM OUTER SPACE! WE HAVE COME HERE FOR SPORT! YOU CAN'T REMOVE THE MEDAL FROM YOUR NECK BECAUSE WE'RE USING IT AS AN ELECTRONIC STIMULUS TO FORCE YOU TO BE OUR QUARRY!

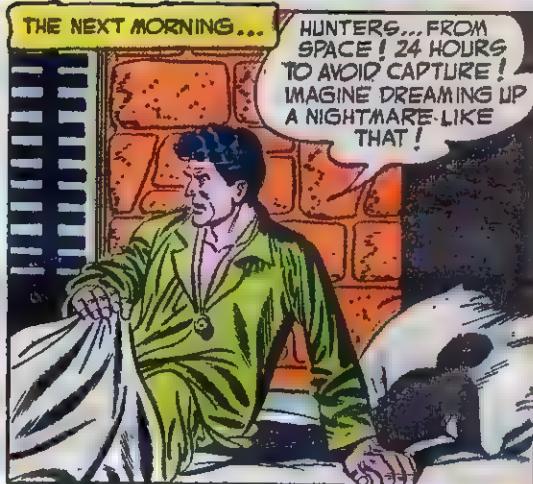


YOU HAVE 24 HOURS FROM THE MOMENT YOU AWAKE TO ELUDE CAPTURE--OR DEATH! IF YOU ARE STILL ALIVE AT THE END OF THAT PERIOD, THE HUNT WILL BE OVER--AND YOU CAN GO FREE!



THE NEXT MORNING...

HUNTERS... FROM SPACE! 24 HOURS TO AVOID CAPTURE! IMAGINE DREAMING UP A NIGHTMARE-LIKE THAT!



SUDDENLY, THE ELECTRONIC STIMULUS BEGINS TO WORK...

THE MEDAL--IT BURNS! AHHH--CAN'T STAND THE PAIN! THEN--IT WAS NO DREAM! I AM THE HUNTED! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE... GO INTO HIDING!



SWIFTLY, TOM DRESSES, PACKS A KIT AND HEADS FOR THE NEARBY HILLS...

I'LL HIDE OUT IN THESE HILLS... TRY TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO OUTFOX MY HUNTERS..! FUNNY THE WAY THE PAIN STOPPED THE MOMENT I STARTED RUNNING AWAY!



DEEP IN THE FOREST, TOM MAKES CAMP BESIDES A HIDDEN LAKE. SUDDENLY...

THE HUNTERS!
THEY'VE SPOTTED
ME FROM THE AIR!

THERE'S A CAVE OPENING
SOMEWHERE HERE...I FOUND
IT AS A BOY...AHHH...HERE
IT IS!

A FEW HOURS LATER, AT
THE LAND ENTRANCE TO
THE CAVE...

THEY'RE
BOUND TO PICK UP MY
TRAIL AGAIN! BUT I'M IN
AMBUSH, NOW...AND WHEN
THEY DRAW NEAR, I'LL
FIRE FIRST! THERE'S
NOTHING IN THE RULES
TO PREVENT THE HUNTED
FROM BECOMING THE
HUNTER!

THEY'RE FIRING HEAT RAYS! GOT
TO KEEP MOVING--UNDER WATER!

MISSSED AGAIN! WE
CAN'T ACCURATELY
SIGHT THROUGH THE
DENSE ATMOSPHERE
OF THIS PLANET!

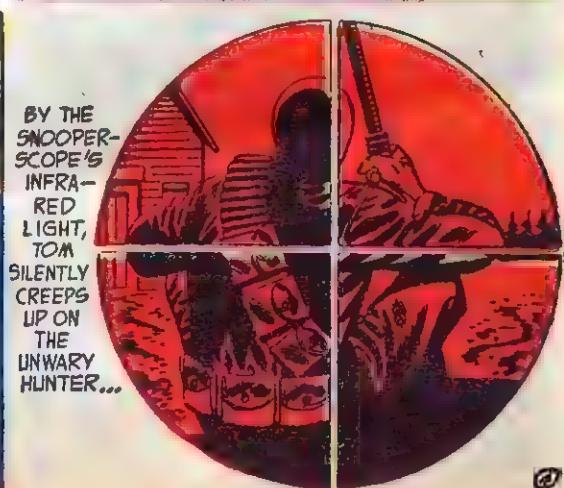
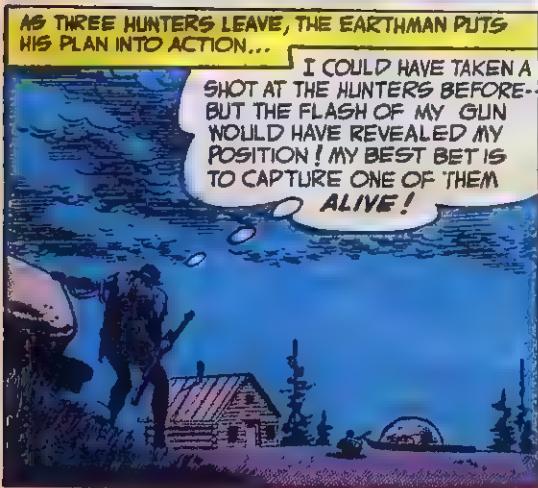
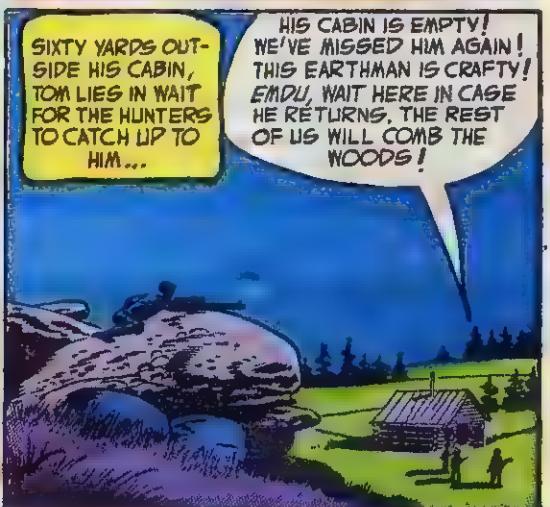
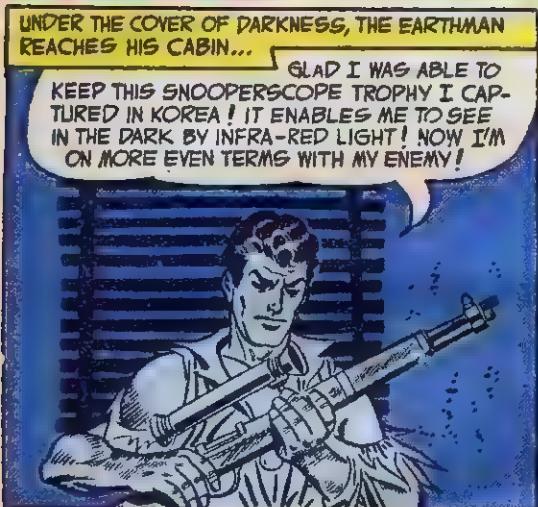
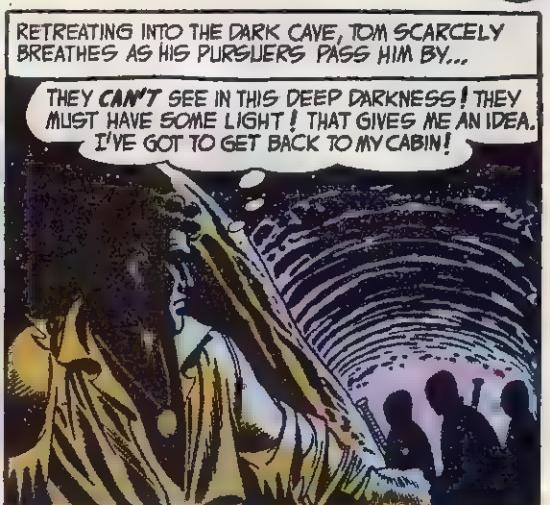
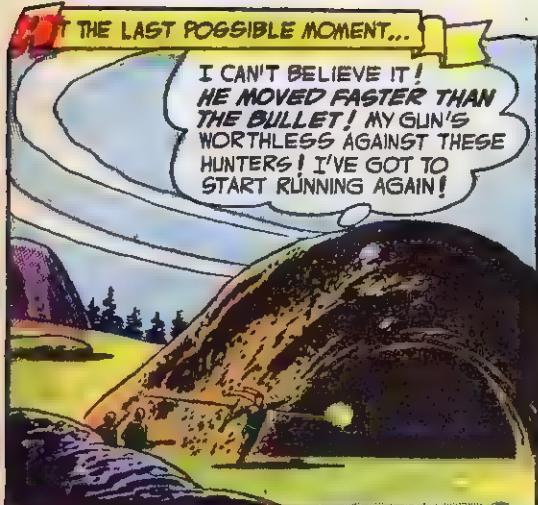
SOON, THE HUNTERS FROM THE STARS RUN DOWN TOM'S HIDING PLACE...

I'VE GOT
COMPANY
AGAIN!

I CAN'T MISS FROM
THIS SHORT DISTANCE!



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SLOWLY... CAREFULLY TIMING EVERY SILENT CRAWL FORWARD, TOM MOVES... UNTIL...

YOU CAN'T ESCAPE MY BULLET NOW! OBEY MY ORDERS--OR I'LL SHOOT!

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

WE'RE TAKING A RIDE IN YOUR AIRSLED--TO YOUR SPACESHIP! THAT'S ONE PLACE YOUR PALS WON'T EXPECT TO FIND ME!

YOUR STRATAGEM WILL NEVER WORK!

ACCELERATING SWIFTLY, THE AIRSLED SHOOTS INTO THE STRATOSPHERE...

OUR SPACE-SHIP IS SO MILES UP!

THE MOMENT WE GET THERE, YOU'LL SIGNAL THE OTHERS TO COME TO THE SHIP!

SUDDENLY, THE HUNTER'S SHIP COMES INTO VIEW...

THERE OUGHT TO BE A POWERFUL WEAPON INSIDE THE SHIP I CAN USE AGAINST THOSE HUNTERS WHEN THEY ARRIVE!

INSIDE THE SPACESHIP'S CONTROL ROOM...

THERE--THAT'LL HOLD HIM! NOW TO WAIT TILL THE OTHERS GET HERE--AND OBLIGINGLY WALK INTO MY TRAP!

MINUTES LATER...

HERE THEY COME! BUT NOW I'M ARMED WITH THEIR FLAME CANNON! THE HUNT'S JUST ABOUT OVER--AND I'VE WON!



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THEN AS THE HUNTERS AND HUNTED CONFRONT EACH OTHER...

SO--YOU HAVE CAPTURED EMDU AND OUR FLAME CANNON! YOU FOOL--YOU ALSO SHALL DIE IF YOU FIRE IT!

IT DOESN'T MATTER! AT LEAST I'LL RID EARTH OF A MENACE!



A CHALLENGE IS UNHESITATINGLY MET...

GO AHEAD, TOM MASON.., FIRE ON US--AND DIE!



BUT, AMAZINGLY...

THE FLAME CANNON-- DIDN'T EVEN HARM THEM!

NOW EARTHMAN-- YOU MUST DIE--
DON'T FIRE, JADU!
I'M SETTING MASON FREE! HE HAS PROVED HIMSELF A BRAVE ADVERSARY! HE COULDN'T KNOW THAT OUR BODIES HAVE BEEN SCIENTIFICALLY TREATED TO WITHSTAND FLAME BLASTS!



JADU WILL TAKE YOU BACK TO EARTH, MASON! YOU SHALL NEVER SEE US AGAIN!



LATER,
ON
EARTH,
TOM
WATCHES
THE
SPACE-
SHIP
DIS-
APPEAR
FROM
SIGHT...

THE PAIN FROM THE MEDAL HAS STOPPED! I CAN TAKE IT OFF... THE HUNT IS OVER!



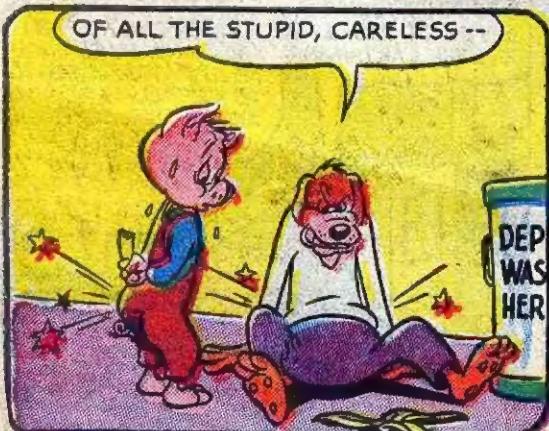
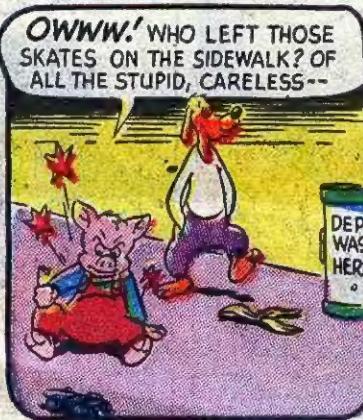
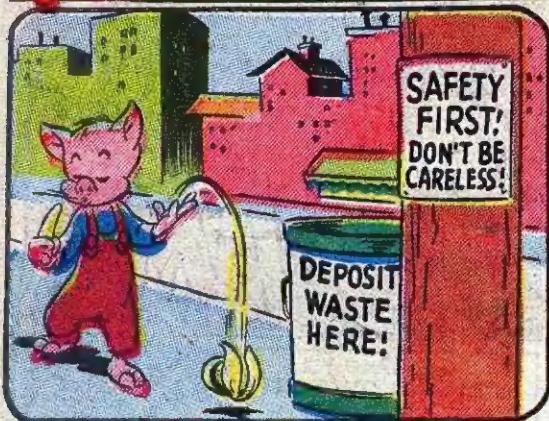
MEANWHILE, ABOARD THE SPACESHIP...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND... WHY DIDN'T YOU LET ME KILL THE EARTHMAN?

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